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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter Director, Office of Defects Investigation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Room W45-302 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: <u>EA06-020</u>

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

I am writing to confirm our discussions on Thursday, January 31, 2008, with respect to the January 25, 2008 letter that you wrote to Mr. Chris Tinto of Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (Toyota), regarding the investigation by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) into an alleged defect concerning the power liftgates on certain model year 2004-2007 Toyota Sienna vehicles. That letter requested a response from Toyota by February 8, 2008.

As we discussed, Toyota would like the opportunity to verify some of the statements in your letter before providing its response. To facilitate that process, you agreed that ODI would provide Toyota with information regarding testing conducted by the Vehicle Research and Test Center (VRTC) in connection with this investigation, including the test results and test protocols. You also agreed to ask Mike Lee, ODI's lead investigator on this matter, to review the injury claims that were referred to in your letter with Toyota representatives. You and I agreed that after Toyota had the opportunity to review the test and injury information, I would contact you so we could establish a new due date for Toyota's response to your January 25 letter.

Thank you for your consideration. Toyota looks forward to continuing to work with ODI to resolve this matter.

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